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Centralization vs Decentralization.

Mr. Briggs, in commenting on the DD/S
systems analysis effort and the results
of the ⬚ and OCS
role in executing DD/S on the Agency
procurement system, and the OCS role in
computer support to DD/S, said
"As to centralization vs. decentralization,
this battle continues to be waged across
the country. The fact is that there is no
basis for a black or white choice. It is
not impossible that the cost/effectiveness
gains claimed for the time-shared, remote
query, multi-processing, multi-programming
360 /Model 67 will not prove out, and (over

stand-alone systems for the DDS jobs, and
the DDI, and the DDS&T, and the DDP might
result. But there is no statistical
evidence from an operating environment
to either prove or disprove the manufacturer's
claims. Let's use the assets now given us
to find out, assuming a positive, not negative
approach."

Charles A. Briggs
Director of Computer Services

___/ Memo for Actg DDS&T, from D/CS, 16 Nov 66,
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Because of the high cost associated with ADP, OCS has a
professional responsibility to examine the tech feasibility
of potential applications and may suggest modifications to
proposals or reject them when tech or economic considerations
warrant.

In general, OCS does not solicit applications or initiate
ADP studies; the identification of a data processing
problem is assumed to be the responsibility of the
component affected. X

Basic guidance on priorities and allocation of resources
where several users are competing for our services is
provided by the Information Processing Coordinator or by
the Information Processing Staff where inter-directorate
situations arise. OCS provides the necessary support in the
implementation of the provisions of [   ] and the M & F   25X1
Statement of the Information Processing Staff.

OCS allocates its resources generally in the following
order of decreasing priority:

    1) Maint. of current systems and regular production load.
    2) Servicing rqmts to change existing systems and
produce new products therefrom.
    3) Modif. and conversion of existing systems and programs
for more efficient operation.
    4) Performance of long-range system studies and design.

Preferential treatment is given to applications having a
degree of match to OCS analytic capability and existing
programming packages and those for which the analysis and
design have a potential for other anticipated tasks.

While a computer career service is not formally recognized,
we, along with other ADP components, must provide personnel
services of common concern which the A requires in its
pursuit of ADP excellence. These include assistance in
recruitment of ADP personnel for other components;
rotation, promotion, and other personnel actions associated
with a Career Panel when another component wishes us to
assume these functions; assistance in trg and other aspects of
career planning for personnel in other components.

ORD/IPRD - OCS support to

Contracts to complete facility modifications required for installation of IBM 360/40 system in the Ames Building IPRD expected to be finished 18 Nov 1966. System will be available at that time for installation in coord. with IBM.

3rd Generation Equipment

360/65 acceptance test: During Sept 66 system was used for 217 hours; average effectiveness for the month 82%; this is 8% short of level required to complete acceptance test. Anticipate completion of test by mid-October.